

Charlottesville Camp Broken---Georgetown Tries Kelly Today---Bowling

GRIFFMEN PREPARE TO FLEE FROM CAMP AT CHARLOTTESVILLE

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All the players' trunks and suitcases were ready by 11 o'clock and the expressmen loaded a couple of wagons with equipment, bound for the Chesapeake and Ohio station, where the train will be taken for the Virginia capital. The big uniform trunks containing the baseball paraphernalia of the team went to the station immediately following the final workout on the diamond here. Tomorrow morning, Ferdinand Martin, the team's trainer, will see that they are all deposited at the Broad street park in Richmond for the use of the athletes.

The Griffmen are due in Richmond shortly after 6 o'clock tonight. They will stay at the Jefferson white there. Manager Griffith wishing to keep his precocious kids as far as possible from the bright lights. This is in accord with his summer plan of traveling. A number of trips have already been outlined for Sunday, Joe Boehling, and Doc Ayers volunteering to show their teammates the delights of the capital.

The final practice game on Lambeth field yesterday saw the regulars and the plebes, 2 to 1, in an admirable weather conditions. It was almost as if Charlottesville was laughing at the big leaguers, who have shivered here for almost three weeks, only to have the sun come out on the last day. Though a high wind swept clouds of dust across the diamond, the sun was so warm that every player derived real benefit from his day's stint.

Joe Boehling and Booth Hopper twirled for the regulars, with Doc Ayers and Alan Clarke slugging for the plebes. Boehling was contented with a win and a run in the second inning, but in his other three frames he was invincible. Hopper did not allow a hit in three frames, Ayers reaching first base on McBride's error, and almost instantly being caught asleep by Chick Gandil's "hidden ball" trick. The warm Cuban was the only plebe to reach first base on Hopper.

Doc Ayers was in good form, allowing

BOWLERS MOBILIZE AT BOSTON MAY

Potomac Alley Stages Three-Ball Tournament to Aid Pinners on Their Way.

A goodly sum was today laid aside to help defray the expenses of the Potomac duckpin team to the A. C. B. A. tournament in Boston next May, as the result of a most successful three-ball tournament which was conducted by Manager Armstrong. Willie Ryan and George Penn had scores of twenty-nine each for first prize, and the first two prizes were divided between them. Joe Freeman, Spike Collins, and Mickle Schofield were tied at twenty-eight for the next prize of \$2, and a roll-off for the entire amount will be held soon. Ryan won the prize for the greatest number of strikes, having eighteen to his credit. He received \$2 for that distinction.

In all probability the entire Washington representation will be gathered in Boston on or about May 12, and the election for the presidency of the organization is to be held on one of those dates. Washington has nominated William F. Gude to that position, and it will be to the interest of the local bowlers to mobilize at Boston in time to see their candidate successfully elevated to the place for which they have nominated him.

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JIM SHAW WILD AND PLEBES WIN

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 26.—The getaway game this morning proved a farce, owing to the wildness of Jim Shaw, who walked five batters and hit one in the very first inning. His generosity, coupled with the Plebes' four bingles, sent seven runs over the platter, and put an end to all interest in the clash, the Plebes winning by 8-4.

Weather conditions were perfect, as has usually been the case when the Griffmen were leaving town. Herbert Thormahlen left today for his home in Jersey City, following his unconditional release. Oscar Russell accompanied the Regulars to Richmond, from where he will leave for his home.

REGULARS	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Moeller, rf.	2	1	1	0	0	0
Moeller, 3b.	1	1	1	0	0	0
Milan, cf.	3	0	2	1	0	0
Gandil, lb.	1	1	1	1	0	0
Morgan, 2b.	1	1	1	1	1	0
Shanks, lf.	0	0	0	0	0	0
McBride, ss.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Williams, c.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Shaw, p.	1	0	1	1	1	1
Totals	19	4	7	12	6	1

PLEBES	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Massey, 3b.	2	1	1	0	0	0
Neff, ss.	1	0	0	0	1	0
Acosta, rf.	2	2	2	0	0	0
Seigle, 2b.	1	1	1	1	0	0
Henry, c.	1	1	1	1	0	0
Brown, cf.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rondeau, lf.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lamar, lf.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bentley, p.	2	2	2	0	3	0
Totals	18	9	8	15	8	0

Innings—Regulars . . . 00 02-4
Plebes . . . 02 08-9
First base on balls—On Shaw, 5; Bentley, 2. Innings pitched—R. Bentley, 2; Shaw, 4. Struck out—By Shaw, 2; Bentley, 2. Three base hits—Gandil, Morgan, Moeller. Two base hits—Henry, Foster. Sacrifice hits—Neff, Stolen bases—Massey, Henry. Double plays—Shanks to Morgan to Gandil, Shaw to Morgan, first by pitcher—By Shaw (Neff). Wild pitches—Shaw, 1; Bentley, 1. Time of game—One hour and seven minutes.

Ode To Rookie

By "BUGS" BAER.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, March 26.—Herman Schaefer, peace be to his memory, has the facility of taking both the sweet and bitter pills with a grin. A member of the Nationals met the comedian in Milwaukee a short time after Griff had asked for waivers on the stalwart clown, and Dutch was bemoaning the fact that Griff had jerked the American League from under his feet.

"He sure slammed that old iron gate in my face," said Herman. Which is certainly an apt expression, and applicable to more than one industry besides baseball. The allies and the Teutons are busy endeavoring to slam the old iron gate in each other's countenances. Peary slammed the old metal gate in Doc Cook's surprised expression. The Republicans will try to slam the old iron gate on the Democrats in 1916.

The epigram could be used in a million ways, but is peculiarly apropos in describing the poor, battered recruit. He toils along for weeks and weeks at the training camps, and just when he sees the promised big league land within easy hopping distance, the regular comes to life and slams the iron gate in his perspiration bedewed features. "He slammed the old iron gate in my face."

There's always one bird who does the slamming, and there's always one poor fish who has to be the slammed. But in baseball, the same as in other boulevards of life, it is generally the best man who accom-

plishes the slamming. Every rook in every training camp is given plenty of opportunity to display his wares, and if he has anything in stock, the job is his. Doc Cook was a phenom, but when Admiral Peary got his batting eye, the Doc proved to be a bloomer, and so with the baseball game.

If you're a bloomer, then the old iron gate is slammed in your features.

Want Games.
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Griffmen in Pretty Good Shape for Coming Games

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Playing Merito Acosta in right field and Roy Massey at third is thought to be the first move of the Old Fox to train the little Cuban to replace Hank Shanks. Right field here is the big field, the place Acosta will have to cover in Washington. Griff admits that Acosta is a better hitter than the Cuban's ability to field in the sun. He does not want to remove Shanks unless certain in his own mind that the substitute will hold his own in the garden. The wee Cuban put up good exhibitions in right field here, making several fine running catches yesterday afternoon. He one hard chance against the sun came in the morning, but he gathered it in like a veteran. You betting fans might take a flyer on Acosta's chances of heating out Shanks within a week after the opening of the season. It looks like that stuff now.

Tennis Cracks Meeting At Y.M.C.A. Court Today

Washington tennis fans will get their chance to see some live tennis today when "Rol" Doyle and Connie Doyle meet Spencer Gordon and Ballard Moore at the Y. M. C. A. on the indoor court. All four players are well known to the tennis fans as about the best in the city.

Walter Smith, Everett Ansley and William B. Judge will give an exhibition of fancy swimming at 1 o'clock in the "Y" pool while the tennis match is going on.

Plays Two Games.

Brookland A. C. nine will meet St. Dominic's tomorrow at Brookland at 5 o'clock, and on Sunday will meet the fast Alpine A. C. The Brooklands want games. Address John Mahoney, 1243 Kearney street. On April 16 the Brooklands will meet Central High School.

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